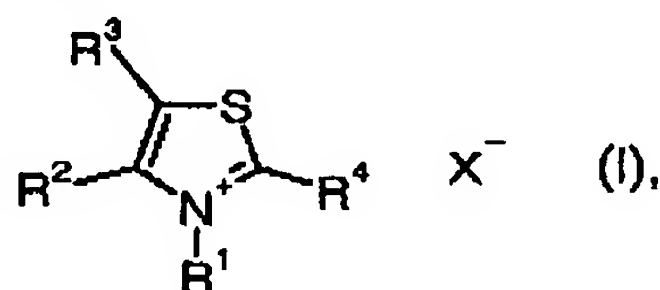


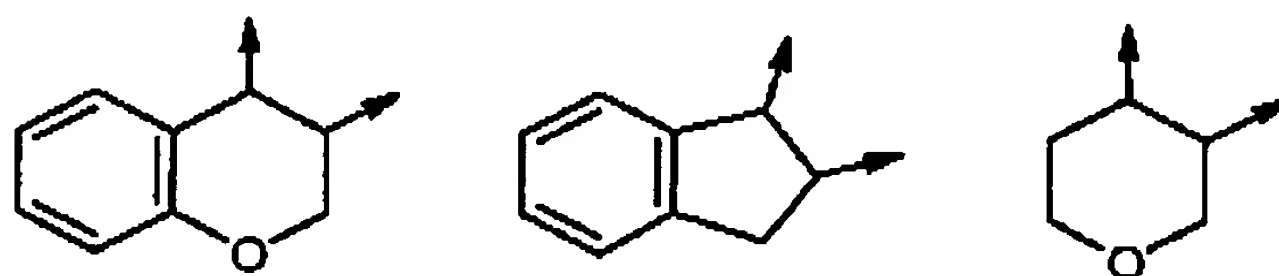
IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1.-7. (Cancelled)
8. (Original) A condensation agent comprising a compound according to Claim 1.
9. (Original) A peptide coupling reagent comprising a condensation agent according to Claim 8.
- 10.-13. (Cancelled)
14. (New) A compound of the formula (I)



in which

- R¹ represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, hydroxyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, phenylsulfonyl, p-methylphenylsulfonyl, or benzyl that is optionally substituted by halogen, nitro, C₁-C₄-alkyl, or C₁-C₄-alkoxy,
- R² and R³ together represent -(CH₂)_n- that is optionally substituted by halogen, NO₂, carboxyl, carbonyl, C₁-C₄-alkyl, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl, C₁-C₄-alkoxy, or C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy or the optionally halogen-, NO₂-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-, C₁-C₄-halogenoalkyl-, C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, or C₁-C₄-halogenoalkoxy-substituted groups having the formulas

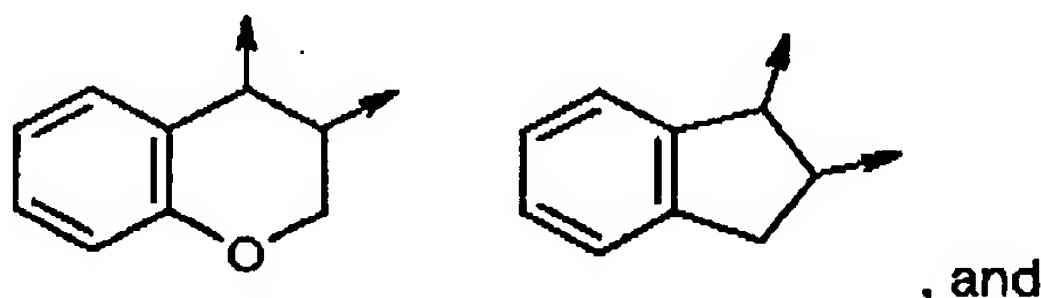


where the arrows mark the points of linkage to the thiazole ring, and n represents 3, 4 or 5,

- R⁴ represents bromine or chlorine, and
- X⁻ represents chloride, bromide, iodide, hydrogen sulfate, ½ equivalent of sulfate, sulfate, hexachloroantimonate, methanesulfonate,

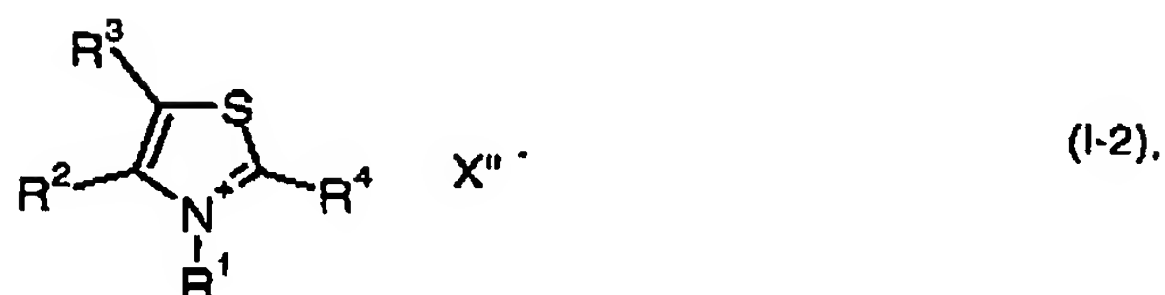
trifluoromethanesulfonate, p-toluenesulfonate, tetrafluoroborate, tetraphenylborate, or hexafluorophosphate.

15. (New) A compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 14, wherein R^1 represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, hydroxyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, or benzyl that is optionally substituted by fluorine and/or chlorine, methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, or n- or i-propoxy, R^2 and R^3 together represent $-(CH_2)_n-$ substituted by fluorine and/or chlorine, methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, or carbonyl or the groups having the formulas



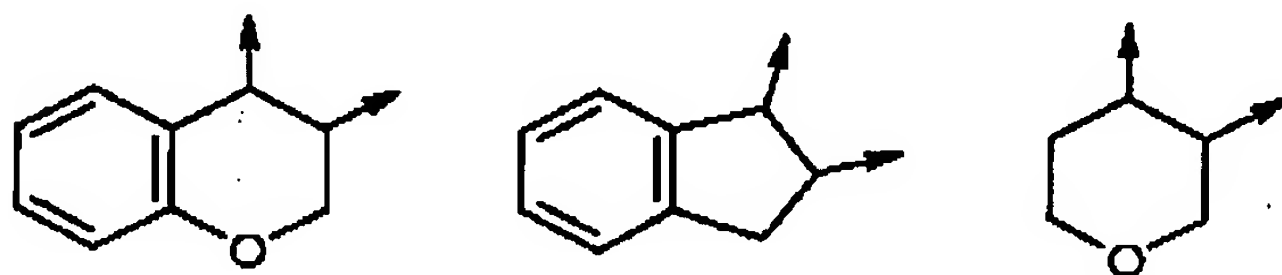
- n represents 3 or 4, R^4 represents bromine, and X^- represents bromide, $\frac{1}{2}$ equivalent of sulfate, sulfate, $SbCl_6^-$, mesylate, triflate, tosylate, tetrafluoroborate, tetraphenylborate, or hexafluorophosphate.
16. (New) A compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 14, wherein R^1 represents methyl, ethyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, or benzyl that is optionally substituted by fluorine and/or chlorine, R^2 and R^3 together represent $-(CH_2)_n-$ that is optionally substituted by fluorine and/or chlorine, methyl, ethyl, or carbonyl, and X^- represents bromide, $\frac{1}{2}$ equivalent of sulfate, sulfate, or tetrafluoroborate.
17. (New) A compound of the formula (I) according to Claim 14, wherein R^4 represents bromine.

18. (New) A compound of the formula (I-2)



in which

R^1 represents methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, hydroxyl, methylsulfonyl, ethylsulfonyl, phenylsulfonyl, p-methylphenylsulfonyl, or benzyl that is optionally substituted by halogen, nitro, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, or C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, R^2 and R^3 together represent $-(CH_2)_n-$ that is optionally substituted by halogen, NO_2 , carboxyl, carbonyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -halogenoalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, or C_1 - C_4 -halogenoalkoxy or the optionally halogen-, NO_2 -, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl-, C_1 - C_4 -halogenoalkyl-, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy-, or C_1 - C_4 -halogenoalkoxy-substituted groups having the formulas



where the arrows mark the points of linkage to the thiazole ring, and

n represents 3, 4 or 5,

R^4 represents bromine or chlorine, and

X'' represents tetrafluoroborate, tetraphenylborate, or hexafluorophosphate.